

**FOURTHEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Proper 17**

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

August 29, 2021 Year B

**10:00 AM**

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude** Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise - John A. Behnke

**\*Hymn Immortal, invisible, God only wise (St. Denio)**

**Hymnal # 423, omit vs. 2**

**\*Opening Acclamation**

**Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

**\*Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**\*Gloria**

**Hymnal # S-278**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

**\*The Collect of The Day**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

## Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!  
Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.  
My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.  
My beloved speaks and says to me:  
"Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away."

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

*Eructavit cor meum*

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

## The Epistle Reading

## James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**\*The Gospel Reading**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark .

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Megan Castellan**

### **\*The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped  
and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **\*The Prayers of the People**

The oil of gladness seals our hearts in the love of God, in whose Name we offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Savior, be with us."

+ Enliven us with the desire to reach out to your world, engaging in the work of your word through our ministry with the poor, the unemployed, the orphan and widow, the lonely and bereaved, and all who seek the gift of hope; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ Inspire our Church to proclaim the Christian faith beyond its buildings and institutions, so that a new generation may come to know and love the power of Christ and the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ Save us from the false promises of this age, from its consumerism and false images of sexuality, from its idols of wealth and illusions of self-sufficiency, that our vision may be inspired by the life and witness of the saints, and those in our own time who are models of gospel faithfulness; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ Encourage those returning to schools and colleges to have a lively curiosity, a compassionate heart, and a vision of the world that leads to the restoration of its glory; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ Bring peace between the nations of the world, wherever anger and resentment leads to destruction and the loss of life; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ Comfort those who have died as innocent victims of war, that they may inherit that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead, let us continue our prayers.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Theodore	Susan	Jay	Pat	Christina
Dhara	Joan	Terry	Jerry	Amelia
Lorraine	Jean	Alan	Cecil	Dani
Lorraine	James	Sara	Edith	Mary
Lucy	Laura	Suzy	Shirley	Tom
Carol	Martha	Skip	Donald	Carl
Kathryn	Mary	Hattye	Susan	
Wes	James	Elaine	Pat	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week. Gordon Ryan, Paul Dietz, Taylor Saulsbury, Charlene Baker, Rubey Sanaker

### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### \*The Peace

**Please remain in your pew. Wave!**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

### Announcements & Welcome

### Offertory Sentence

**\*Organ Offertory** O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee - Dale Wood

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

**Expanded Language Prayer A**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts

**People:** We lift them to the Lord

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)**

Hymnal # S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

Holy and gracious God:

in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, And offered himself, in obedience to your will, A perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, In this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, We offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, In the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, Now and forever.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Fraction**

**Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)**

Hymnal # S-164

## **The Communion of the People**

*All people are invited to the Lord's Table. Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread with wine available for intincture. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Blessing**

**\*Hymn O Master, let me walk with thee (*Maryton*)**

**Hymnal # 660, omit vs. 2**

## **Dismissal**

**Postlude Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise - Michael Burkhardt**

**Liturgical Ministers** Sally Clayton

*This morning we welcome guest Organist George Damp*

**REMINDER!** The 10 o'clock service returns to 10:30 am next week!



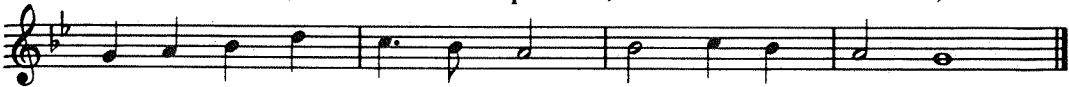
1 From God Christ's de - i - ty came forth, his man - hood from hu -

3 The dis - so - lute he did not scorn, nor turn from those who  
 4 He did not dis - re - gard the sick; to sim - ple ones his  
 5 Who then, my Lord, com-pares to you? The Watch - er slept, the



1 man - i - ty; his priest-hood from Mel - chi - ze - dek, his

3 were in sin; he for the right - eous did re - jice but  
 4 word was given; and he de - scend - ed to the earth and  
 5 Great was small, the Pure bap - tized, the Life who died, the



1 roy - al - ty from Da - vid's tree: praised be his One - ness.

3 bade the fall - en to come in: praised be his mer - cy.  
 4 his work done, went up to heaven: praised by his com - ing.  
 5 King a - based to hon - or all: praised be your glo - ry.

Words: Ephrem of Edessa (4th cent.); tr. J. Howard Rhys (b. 1917);  
 adapt. and alt. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Salem Harbor*, Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

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Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

## AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

1 O Mas - ter let me walk with thee in low - ly  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918)  
 Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

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Coffee Hour, today after the service on zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91221585167>

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